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of its deficiency, and show the remedy.—But we will leave this ungrateful office, of tacit reproof, and only lament, that for literature, the pride of a nation,—an earnest of its immortality, this country has done no more.

FOR THE NORTH-AMERICAN JOURNAL.

There is an annual exhibition at Westminster school in London, when the upper class of boys leave the school; on which occasion one of the comedies of Terence is performed by some of the best scholars. A prologue and epilogue, are composed every year, the latter of which is commonly of a lively cast, and alludes to the events of the day. The play selected this year was *Phormio*, and the epilogue which is taken from the Gentleman's Magazine for the month of April, here follows. The motive for republishing this piece of classick scurrility, is to shew the pernicious effects of the libels of the Quarterly Review. All the most odious and absurd calumnies contained in that work, are here introduced into Latin verse, and a class of boys, belonging to some of the most respectable families of the kingdom, take leave of the seminary, and their last act reciting an exercise, conveying the most false and degrading picture of this country; and leaving an impression on their minds which will probably continue through life. Now it is impossible to suppose, that the respectable heads of this celebrated school would have permitted an indecency of this kind, and this too soon after the declaration of peace, if they had not believed the falsehoods on which it is founded.

It is impossible to read without disgust and indignation the villainous inflammatory abuse, with which all the democratick papers in this country have been filled since the peace, against Great Britain: for a state of peace produces no cessation of animosity, or any change of language in them. Nay, the National Intelligencer, which derives great support from the particular patronage of government, and is one of the most conspicuous in this line, published in the paper of 1st of August last, two or three columns of the most stupid calumny against Russia, merely because Russia was opposed to Buonaparte. It is an awkward task to find

fault with a foreign nation, when our own government protects such conduct as this. But in despite of the newspapers in this country and in England, which labour so assiduously in their vocation of national abuse, and endeavouring to exasperate the two countries into perpetual war; a good understanding may still be maintained, if honourable men in both, will treat their efforts with the contempt they merit; and endeavour to cultivate esteem for each other. The intercourse between the two nations is so constant, and from a similarity of language so easy, that it would not be difficult to bring to the bar of public opinion any literary, or political character, who should in either country, bring forward or support a gross calumny against the other; and he should have an opportunity to apologize for error, or be disgraced for it, as certainly, as if the offence were against his own. If this responsibility could be produced, the efforts of the profligate incendiaries who subsist by administering stimulants to the passions of the vulgar, might be regarded with contempt. This epilogue may be considered a sufficient apology, if any were necessary, for the indignation which has been felt, in this country, at the brutal abuse of the Quarterly Review.

## EPILOGUS. IN PHORMIONEM.

DAVUS. GETA-

- DA. Salve iterum, Geta. Sed quid agis? quisnam iste paratus?  
Num liber factus? GE. Mox, nisi fallor, ero.
- DA. Nempe tuâ cecisse operâ vestra omnia pulchrè  
Audieram. GE. Immo aliis; non ita, Dave, mihi.  
Lætitia in communi ego solus negligor. Ergo  
Prospicio ipse mihi. DA. Quid meditare? GE. Fugam.
- DA. Di vortant bene! sed pedetentim. GE. Atqui omnia dudum  
Corrasi, id metuens. DA. Quo fugis? GE. Hesperiam.
- DA. Quid? quæso, oceani fines quæ visitur ultra  
Barbara inhumanis terra habitata viris?
- GE. Immo ea, quæ, nostris quondam quæsitâ colonis,  
Nunc unum in terris cernitur Elysium.
- DA. Horrida quorum hominum vel nomina respuit auris  
Attica, pene etiam lingua sonare timet.  
Chaktawos, Cherokæos, Pawwawos, Chickasawos,  
Michilimakinacos, Yankey-quê-doodelios.
- GE. Quæ virtute, fide, majestate, artibus, armis,  
Consilio, eloquio, moribus, ingenio,  
Nullam non longe exsuperat gens unica gentem,  
Quæ sit, quæ fuerit, quæque futura siet.

Nostra venustatis si quid. si secula vatum  
 Aurea divinæ simplicitatis habent.  
 Hesperia omne tenet : neque adhuc Astræa reliquit  
 Hunc orbem ; inque istis læta moratur agris.  
 DA. Atque ibi non virgo, verum est Astræa virago ;  
 Sæpe est, ut perhibent, ebria ; sæpe pugil ;  
 Nonnunquam quoque fur. Nec morum dicere promptum est,  
 Sit ratio simplex, sitne venusta magis.  
 Æthiopissa palam mensæ famulatur herili  
 In puris naturalibus, ut loquimur.  
 Vir braccis se bellus amat nudare décentér,  
 Strenuus ut choreas ex-que-peditus agat.  
 Quid quod ibi ; quod congerere ipsis conque morari  
 Dicitur, incolumi nempe pudicitia,  
 Sponte suâ, sine fraude, torum sese audet in unum  
 Condere cum casto casta puella viro ?  
 Quid noctes cænæque Deûm ? quid amœna piorum  
 Concilia ? GE. Immo audi, quæ bona vera feram.  
 Agricola es ? tibi mille patent, quæ libera et ante  
 Immetata tuis jugera bubus ares.  
 Auceps es ? media perdix vulgo errat in urbe.  
 Potor es ? hora haustus fert ibi quæque novos.  
 Titillatorem Gingivæ, Phlegmotomum-que,  
 Fellifragumque bibes, Anti-que-fogmaticum.  
 Aurea præterea libertas, Dave ! homo servus  
 Nemo ibi. DA. At Æthiopes—G. Sunt ibi non homines.  
 Qui vult, et quod vult, et de quo vult, homo sentit ;  
 Et cui vult, audet dicere, vel facere.  
 Fit sponte injussus quisque indoctusque, Senator,  
 Mercator, Judex, Dux, Sophus out Medicus.  
 Spemuntur tirocinii legesque moræque :  
 Est diploma satis cuique libido sua.  
 DA. Nempe senatores pestrinum et ganea mittunt :  
 Optimus et Judex maximus est nebulo.  
 Scitè oratorem orator convincere certat ?  
 Largiter adversi conspuat ora viri :  
 Neve ea Rhetorice valeat minus, herba salivam.  
 Lætius effundi Nicotiana facit.  
 Mentiri est mercatoris laus summa ; ducisque  
 Cura, diarrhææ consuluisse suæ.  
 Tum lusns : oculos exculpere pollice, frontem  
 Scalpere, nasum omnem mordicus abripere ;  
 Atque necare hominem jocus est lepidissimus. At tu,  
 Aurea libertas quæ siet illa, vide.  
 Primum, crede mihi, si te semel atra Charontis  
 Ceperit Elysium navis itura tuum,  
 Ipsum omnes absumet opes tibi naulum : animam inde  
 Debebis, nullo est quæ redimenda die ;  
 Postremo magnos pascas in carcere mures.  
 Quin age, et in melius consule, dum potis es.  
 Hesperiam laudet sine perditus, impius, exlex ;  
 Si sanus satis es, tu, Geta, siste domi.  
 Sin aliter valeas. Valeant peregrina volentes  
 Littora natali præposuisse solo.